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## **2020 declared Year of Spiritual Renewal and Due Concern for Youth, by Ecumenical Patriarchate**



The Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople this month reiterated that 2020 has been declared as a year of spiritual renewal and due concern for youth, with the Ecumenical Patriarch, His All Holiness Bartholomew I, having already given hierarchs of the Ecumenical throne directions on how to better minister and reach out to youth.

In a Patriarchal Proclamation for Christmas last month, the Ecumenical Patriarch noted that "...We call on the reverend clergy of the Holy Great Church of Christ, throughout the world, to a kenotic - as he said - pastoral mobilization. We should not wait for our young men and women to come to us, but we should reach out to them, ourselves, not as judges but as friends, in imitation of the good shepherd, who "gives his life for his sheep".



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